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NUCLEAR FUEL FROM A FUEL POOL  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated December 13, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-referenced application.

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**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this document.